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RESEARCH ON ALTERNATIVE FUEL
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research is being carried out on alternative fuel in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) the funds earmarked and incurred thereon during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate the bio-diesel policy;

(e) if so, the salient features thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to set up bio-diesel Board to regulate the bio-diesel industry; and (

g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b): Research and Development on alternate fuels including different aspects of production,conversion and utilization of bio-fuels is being carried out in a number of research institutions and universities. Apart from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy,support is being provided by Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

(c): An expenditure of about Rs.41 crore is reported to have been incurred during the last three years.

(d),(e),(f)&(g): Under the Allocation of Business Rules, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been given the responsibility for preparing the National Policy on Bio-fuels and setting up of a National Bio-fuel Development Board. The draft Policy, including a proposal for setting up of the Board alongwith its draft terms of reference and composition, has been submitted for necessary approvals.

The draft Policy aims at promoting the cultivation, production and use of biofuels to partially replace petrol and diesel for transport, stationary and portable applications with the objective of contributing to energy security, environmental protection and mitigation of climate change.